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To: Poulsom, Susan [Poulsom.Susan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NPDES Permit for Cleaning of Chief Joseph Dam Container Gates

Looks good – thanks

From: Poulsom, Susan
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 10:51 AM
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Subject: NPDES Permit for Cleaning of Chief Joseph Dam Container Gates

Tom –

In follow-up to our conversation today. An NPDES permit is needed for the discharge of pollutants to waters of the U.S. If there is a way to perform the cleaning operation such that no pollutants are discharged to waters of the U.S., an NPDES permit would not be required. (For example, if all of the cleaning water could be captured and not discharged.)

If the facility will be discharging pollutants, please submit NPDES Form 1 and Form 2C. Here is a link to the application forms:

http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/doctype.cfm?sort=name&program_id=45&document_type_id=8

As I mentioned, R10 intends to begin drafting a general permit for the discharge from dams this year. However, that permit would not be available this Spring.

If you have compliance-related questions, the contact in the NPDES compliance unit for federal facilities is Chae Park at 206-553-1441. Thanks, let me know if you have any other questions.

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